

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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July 01, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

**Dear Supervisors:** 

ADOPTED
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

20 July 1, 2014
SACHI A HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

RESOLUTION OF SUMMARY VACATION
SLOPE EASEMENT NORTH OF 135TH STREET AND
EAST OF FIGUEROA STREET
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF ATHENS VILLAGE
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)
(3 VOTES)

#### **SUBJECT**

This action will allow the County of Los Angeles to vacate a slope easement north of 135th Street and east of Figueroa Street in the unincorporated community of Athens Village that is no longer needed for public use.

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Find that this action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
- 2. Find that the slope easement north of 135th Street and east of Figueroa Street in the unincorporated community of Athens Village has been determined to be excess and there are no other public facilities located within the easement and that it may, therefore, be vacated pursuant to Section 8333(c) of the California Streets and Highways Code.
- 3. Adopt the Resolution of Summary Vacation.
- 4. Upon approval, authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to record the certified original resolution with the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles.

#### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to find that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow the County of Los Angeles to vacate the slope easement north of 135th Street and east of Figueroa Street (Easement) in the unincorporated community of Athens Village, since the Easement no longer serves the purpose for which it was dedicated and is not required for public use.

## **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1). The vacation of the Easement will result in added revenue through assessment and taxation and reduce the County's exposure to potential liability.

#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The applicant has paid a \$1,500 fee to defray the expenses of the investigation. This amount has been deposited into the Road Fund. The fee was authorized by the Board in a resolution adopted on May 4, 1982, Synopsis 62 (Fee Schedule), and as prescribed in Section 8321(d) of the California Streets and Highways Code.

#### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The area to be vacated contains approximately 8,181 square feet and is shown on the map that is attached to the enclosed Resolution of Summary Vacation.

The County's interest in the Easement was acquired by a Quitclaim Deed recorded on June 22, 1971, Instrument No. 3820, of Official Records, in the office of the Registrar Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles as an easement for slope purposes.

First Industrial Limited Partnership, the underlying property owner, requested the vacation to clear the property's title of the easement and provide an additional buildable area.

The California Streets and Highways Code Section 8333(c) provides that the legislative body of a local agency may summarily vacate a public service easement if the easement has been determined to be excess by the easement holder and there are no other public facilities located within the Easement.

Adoption of the enclosed resolution and the subsequent recordation will terminate the County's rights and interest in the Easement and will result in the property being unencumbered by the Easement and available to the property owner for use without restriction of the Easement.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This action is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA as specified in Sections 15305 and 15321 of the State CEQA Guidelines, which state that this class of projects consisting of minor alterations in land use, limitations, and actions to revoke entitlement for use, issued and adopted by the regulatory agency, have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment.

## **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This action will allow for additional property taxes through the vacation of the Easement.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and one original and one copy of the resolution to the Department of Public Works, Survey/Mapping & Property Management Division, together with a copy of the Board's minute order. Retain one original for your files.

Respectfully submitted,

Hail Farlier

**GAIL FARBER** 

Director

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**Enclosures** 

 Auditor-Controller (Accounting Division - Asset Management)
 Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
 County Counsel
 Executive Office

## RESOLUTION OF SUMMARY VACATION SLOPE EASEMENT NORTH OF 135TH STREET AND **EAST OF FIGUEROA STREET**

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HEREBY FINDS, DETERMINES, AND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The County of Los Angeles is the holder of a slope easement (hereinafter referred to as the Easement) in, over, and across the real property legally described in Exhibit A and depicted on Exhibit B, both attached hereto. The Easement, north of 135th Street and east of Figueroa Street, is located in the unincorporated community of Athens Village in the County of Los Angeles. State of California.
- 2. The Easement has been determined to be excess and there are no public facilities located within the easement.
- 3. The Easement is hereby vacated pursuant to Chapter 4, Part 3, Division 9, of the California Streets and Highways Code, commencing with Section 8330.
- 4. The Director of Public Works or her designee is authorized to record the certified original resolution in the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, at which time the Easement will be terminated.
- 5. From and after the date this resolution is recorded, the Easement will no longer constitute a street, highway, or public service easement.

The foregoing resolution was on the $\underline{\hspace{0.1cm} /}$ adopted by the Board of Supervisors of governing body of all other special assess	the County of Los Angeles and	
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:	SACHI A. HAMAI Executive Officer of the	
JOHN F. KRATTLI	Board of Supervisors of the	
County Counsel	County of Los Angeles	

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## **EXHIBIT A**

Project Name: SLOPE EASEMENT NORTH OF 135TH STREET

AND EAST OF FIGUEROA STREET 10-33VAC.1

Includes: Parcel No. 10-33VAC.2

A.I.N. 6132-008-001

T.G. 734-C2 I.M. 069-197 R.D. 232 S.D. 2 M0788117

## **Legal Description**

## Parcel No. 10-33VAC.1 (Vacation of easement for slope purposes):

That certain parcel of land in Lot 1, Block 51, Tract No. 819, recorded in Book 16, pages 154 and 155, of Maps, in the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, described as Parcel 10-33S.1 in Quitclaim Deed to the County of Los Angeles recorded on June 22, 1971, as Instrument No. 3820, in Book D5098, page 7, of Official Records, in the office of said Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

Containing: 4,709± square feet

# Parcel No. 10-33VAC.2 (Vacation of easement for slope purposes):

That certain parcel of land described as Parcel 10-33S.2 in the above-mentioned Quitclaim Deed.

Containing: 3,472± square feet



By LICENSED LAND SURVEYOR
Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Dated MAY 17 , 7014

